

FAMILY TRAVEL

Eliminating The "Are We There Yet?" Factor

(NAPSA)—According to the Travel Industry Association of America (TIA), Americans will be traveling in record numbers this year—with a projected 2.3 percent increase in leisure travel.

TIA estimates that Americans will account for more than 550 million trips this year. Three out of four Americans plan to visit friends and relatives, two thirds will be at a beach and/or visiting small towns and rural areas. Over a third will be traveling with children.

Whether you're traveling by plane, train or automobile, there are a number of ways to keep youngsters—and adults—from asking "Are we there yet?" Pocket-sized, battery-operated handheld games offer a variety of entertainment options—from classic arcade games to high-stakes casino action—but they also can keep players occupied for hours.

A leading manufacturer of handheld games, Radica, has a number of titles to choose from, for kids age 8 and up—so getting there truly can be half the fun. Batteries are even included.

- **20Q:** To play, think of something...anything...then answer a series of 20 questions. 20Q's personality shines, offering taunting commentary as you play, such as "Does your mom know you think like that?" or "I'm thinking you can do better!" The mystical blue sphere will ask a range of silly and bizarre questions. If 20Q reads your mind within 20 questions, it wins. If not, you win.

- **World Poker Tour: No Limit Texas Hold 'Em:** The number-one rated show on the



Handheld games can be a great way to pass the time during family excursions.

Travel Channel is now available in a handheld! This big-screen tournament-style game features fast-paced, competitive play with up to five virtual opponents. Each of the five players has a distinctive playing style and can be knocked from the tournament as other players join the table.

- **Big Screen Slot:** A lively, realistic five-reel nine-line betting handheld slot game. Four game modes—Original Slot, Double Spin, Change Up and Skill Stop—keep the action moving. The Vegas-style action also includes an animated bonus round.

- **Bunco Night:** The classic social game of dice, luck and prizes is now available in a handheld. It's a single player game with all the attributes of the classic social multiplayer game. Each roll of the dice can bring big points.

No matter whether you're heading to a theme park, touring museums or visiting relatives, handheld games can be a terrific way to pass the time between here and there.